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## **Cooper Issues FEMA Assistance Instructions**

WASHINGTON– Congressman Jim Cooper (TN-05) is issuing an informational handout with step-by-step instructions to help Middle Tennesseans get access to federal disaster assistance. President Obama granted Governor Bredesen's request for Federal Emergency Assistance for Cheatham, Davidson, Hickman and Williamson counties, earlier this evening. FEMA said that damage surveys have been scheduled and more counties and additional forms of assistance may be designated after the assessments are fully completed in the affected areas.

Cooper has appointed two members of his staff to focus specifically on Disaster Assistance Requests. Staff Attorney Lana Skelo and Director of Community Outreach Brenda Wynn will spearhead efforts in the Nashville office. They can be reached at 615-736-5295 or via email at [lane.skelo@mail.house.gov](mailto:lane.skelo@mail.house.gov) and [brenda.wynn@mail.house.gov](mailto:brenda.wynn@mail.house.gov).

Cooper's informational handout is attached.

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